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## **Gov. Perdue Announces Key Step toward Converting Dix Campus to Park**

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Bev Perdue announced today that an appraisal has been received for the Dorothea Dix campus, which has a current estimated value of \$60 million and an estimated market value of \$86 million. She has directed the N.C. Department of Administration (DOA) to draft a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a tenant representative to assist the State Property Office in eventually moving the 1,300 employees at Dix to cost-effective office space.

This is an integral step toward ultimately converting the Dix campus into a public park.

The proposals will also include possible consolidation of facilities for all N.C. Department of Health and Human Services employees.

“The process will take considerable time to complete, but this is an important step in turning this beautiful downtown property into a public park for the enjoyment of all North Carolinians,” Gov. Perdue said. “Taking a comprehensive look at DHHS’s current and long-term space needs will help us to transition to combined facilities that will help the department more efficiently serve the people of the state.”

The appraisal, conducted by Worthy & Wachtel, Inc., was [transmitted today](#) to DOA and may be [reviewed online](#). It states that the 319-acre property’s prospective value, based on a fully rebounded market, is \$86 million. Its current market value is \$60 million. The values are predicated on the assumption that there are no hazardous materials present on the site that would require a major clean-up.

The State Property Office will begin drafting the RFP immediately with the goal of having it posted by February 24, 2012.